Good Sam Mallards May 6-11, 2024

If you want to have a whole lot of fun, just pack up and join a group of folks and head on out to a campground. That is just what happened when ten rigs gathered at Blue Sky RV Park at Mt. View for the Area 3/6 Friendship. Actual scheduled activities began on Wednesday, May 8, but there were "early birds" namely, James, Linda & Joe Niblett (our hosts), Jerry & Jean Hosto, Jack & Joy Godwin and Wayne Thomas that arrived on Monday. Coming in Tuesday were Bob & Peggy Lomax, James & Sandra McGinnis, Larry & Gail Kretz, Bob & Nancy Welborn and Bill & Robin Jones. Rolling in on Wednesday were Richard & Ginny Zelnick. We are were so happy to see Frankie & Jo Bacon (taking a day off from camp hosting at Bull Shoals) and Dennis and Peggy Card drive in for the day.

A lot of laughter, conversations, reminiscing and sharing love and God's blessings with one another was experienced by all. Let us not forget about eating of the food! Oh my, oh my: Monday evening found us gathered at the Wing Shack; Tuesday evening we feasted at PJ's Rainbow Café; Wednesday our host provided hot dogs, chips & cheese dip and Jack made some chili and the rest brought desserts; Thursday was biscuits & gravy for breakfast and night meal was regular spaghetti, chicken spaghetti, green beans, toss salad, garlic bread and desserts; Friday was pig out, literally, with James's pulled pork and Linda's baked beans and mashed potato salad and desserts; ending the eating frenzy on Saturday morning with another round of biscuits and gravy!!

When we were not busy eating, we played dominoes, hand-and-foot, rummikub, bean bag, sand bag baseball (the ladies' team had a pinch player, Waynette), Chinese Auction, live auction, Bingo and enjoyed going to the Pickin' Park to be entertained by our own Joy and her friends. Some ventured out on their own to explore, fish and swam. We all left a few dollars at the local Wal-Mart.

Wayne Thomas gave the devotional. He shared many Bible verses and the Joy of knowing and obeying and serving God our Father. Remember to eliminate envy and covetousness from your life and find joy in what you have.

The dreaded time had come to say our goodbyes and one by one the rigs departed for their next destinations. A big Thank You to the Niblett's for a wonderful time of fellowship. See you next year, May 7-10, 2025 at Blue Sky!!

> Respectfully Submitted: Jean Hosto